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As requested in the Office action mailed on August 16, 2004, applicants submit herewith a copy of the references that were cited in the Information Disclosure Statements mailed on April 10, 2003 and January 23, 2004. Copies of the PTO Form 1449's are also attached for the examiner's convenience.

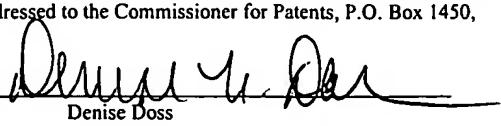
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97–1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. The accompanying Form PTO-1449 provides a listing of documents that may be relevant to the subject application.

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It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the art cited in the accompanying Form 1449, initial the left-most column of the form adjacent each cited reference, and return a copy for Applicants' records. It is further requested that the art be cited on the cover of any patent issuing from the subject application.

Copies of each of the "Foreign Patent Documents" and "Other Documents" listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

Many of the Foreign Patent Documents are in a language other than the English language. A concise explanation of relevance is given below.

DE 2051715A: Separating chamber for continuously deflection electrophoresis in a buffer flow, with inlets and outlet for the electro-buffer, the chamber buffer and the substance to be separated, is arranged so that the separating chamber between the electrodes is not flat in cross-section, but has one or more angles or curves in it. Specific the separation chamber is built up of an internal block, external block and electrode block clamped together with seals and electrode membranes between the electrode block and the other two. The arrangement enables the chamber to be varied in its dimensions.

JP 55-152027 A: PURPOSE: To obtain a high quality reproducing information recorded carrier having a transcribe signal covering alyer capable of reproducing both sides by a method wherein radiation cured resin is injected under pressure into a clearance between a metal mold and a backing supporter supported by a push plate capable of vacuum sucking through a central part of the metal mold. CONSTITUTION: A backing supporter 5, sucked on the sucking groove 2 of a concave push plate 1 so that information signal zones on the transcribe signal covering layer 6 are not broken, is supported with a specified clearance 16 so that it does not touch the

metal mold 8, and a specified quantity of a radiation cured resin 7 is injected into the clearance 16 through an injection hole 11 provided on a centering axis 10 in a center of an information recorded mold 8. Then, an air cylinder 13 is operated to fill the resin 7 into the clearance 16 wholly and press it up to a specified uniform layer thickness by the supporter 5, thereafter, radiant rays 18 is irradiated through the push plate 1 and the resin 7 is cured.

JP 56-167419 A: PURPOSE: To obtain the titled device, in which a resin injecting hold coated with an ultraviolet shieling material and an air vent with a valve device are mounted at the fixed locations of the second mold transmitting ultraviolet rays and which can acquire a recording carrier with no strain, etc. in short time, economizing the material cost, etc.
CONSTITUTION: A stamper 31 is mounted to a drag 1 by means of a mounting member 8, and sucked under vacuum and fast stuck and fixed, a cope 11 and an ultraviolet irradiating device 21 are let fall and the cope 11 and the drag 1 are contacted by proper pressure. A disc molding space taking discoid shapes of the concave sections of the stamper 31 is sucked under vacuum by actuating a valve device 14 of an air vent 13, the disc molding space is brought to a vacuum condition and the vent 13 is closed, ultraviolet hardening type resin is injected through a resin injecting hold 12, shutters 23 are opened and ultraviolet rays are irradiated. The shutters 23 are closed after resin hardens, the cope 11 and the ultraviolet irradiating device 21 are elevated and a molded disc is extracted from the stamper 31.

JP 59-215838 A: PURPOSE: To improve the safety enabling the prevention of possible ozone and others by introducing ultraviolet rays into a cavity core with an optical fiber from an ultra violet ray source provided separate from the cavity core to irradiate a molding material.
CONSTITUTION: An ultraviolet ray hardening molding material 14 is injected into a die 1 from

an injection molding machine 13 to fill the space between a cavity core 5. Then, ultraviolet rays irradiate the cavity 4 and the cavity core 5 separately via an optical fiber 6 from a ultraviolet ray irradiation source 7. The ultraviolet rays are irradiated on the molding material filled between the cavity and cavity core being reflected on reflection layers 8 and 9 to solidify the molding material quickly. The molding thus solidified is released from the die by sticking out an ejector pin 10 from the cavity core 5 at the opening of the die.

JP 59-227131 A: PURPOSE: To contrive the reduction of the cost of resin sealing by using molding resin of ultraviolet-curing type for sealing resin so as to selectively cure only the molding resin of ultraviolet-curing type to be poured in the cavity. CONSTITUTION: The built-up body of a transistor in which a transistor element 2 is bonded to a substrate supporting part 1 of the lead frame and further connection by metal thin wires has been completed is arranged between the upper and lower molding dies 3 and 4. Next, the ultraviolet-curing resin 13 is poured into the cavity 7 through a molding resin supply hole 11. After that, the sealing molds are irradiated with the ultraviolet rays as indicated by the arrows. As the resin layers 9 and 10 of the molding dies 3 and 4 consist of the resin of ultraviolet-transparent type, the ultraviolet rays penetrates through said layers 9 and 10 to reach the cavity 7. Accordingly, only the resin poured in the cavity 7 is subjected to curing reaction and is cured. In this manufacturing method, there is no waste of molding resin, and heating of the resin and of the sealing molds is unnecessary so that improvement of operation efficiency and reduction of the cost of resin sealing can be contrived.

JP 01163049 A: PURPOSE: To obtain a disk without using a disc base plate, by a method wherein an upper mold composed of a transparent plate and a stamper stand having a

resin outflow port provided to the upper surface thereof are arranged in opposed relationship so as to be able to relatively approach and separate each other and a light emitter is provided above the upper mold while the upper mold is made finely moveable up and down with respect to the upper mold base for supporting the upper mold. CONSTITUTION: An upper mold 1 is composed and engaged with a ring-shaped upper mold frame 11 made of a metal. A thread stripe 12 is formed to the outer periphery of the upper mold frame 11 and screwed with the thread stripe 14 on the inner peripheral surface of the rotary ring 13 incorporated in an upper mold base 10. A tooth shape 16 is formed to the outer peripheral surface of the rotary ring 13 to be meshed with a gear 15. When the gear 15 is rotated by operating a motor 17, the rotary ring 13 is rotated, and the upper mold frame 11 and the upper mold 1 are finely moved up and down by the action of the thread stripes 12, 14. An ultraviolet ray irradiation lamp 9 is provided above the upper mold 1. A resin passage 5 piercing in a length direction and opened upwardly at the upper end thereof is provided to the interior and the lower end thereof is connected to a resin feeder 15 and a hose 15. A resin upwardly flows out from one center place.

JP 02292013 A: PURPOSE: To manufacture efficiently a resin molding having excellent dimensional accuracy or mechanical strength by press-casting photopolymerization resin into cavities formed in a male and female mold made up of a transparent material, and introducing and irradiating photopolymerization irradiating light into the cavity from the outside. CONSTITUTION: Photosetting resin 6 is inputted into a photosetting resin kneading supplier 7, and then press-casted into a cavity 5 formed in a fixed side molding mole 4a and movable side transparent molding mold 4b through a cylinder 1 and nozzle 3 by means of a screw 2. Next, visible light produced by halogen lamps is irradiated to the photopolymerization resin 6 within

the cavity 5 through a reinforced glass 4c and movable transparent molding mold 4b, and the movable side molding mold 4b is withdrawn for opening the molding mold, and thus a polymerized and cured photosetting resin molding is taken out thereof. By employing photopolymerization resin, a molding can be obtained, which can be injection-molded at low temperature and has excellent dimensional accuracy. And, since a heater in the screw and a cooling pipe in the mold are now required, the structure of the molding apparatus can be simple and small in size.

USSR 434985: The device for divisions of high-molecular biological substances.

USSR 616568: Apparatus for electro-phoretic separation of substances.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that more material information does not exist or that an exhaustive search of the relevant art has been made. Nor does this statement constitute an admission by Applicants or Applicants' agent that the information provided herein is necessarily prior art to Applicants' invention. Moreover, Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the listed documents should they be applied there-against as references. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

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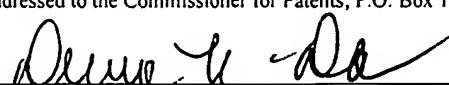
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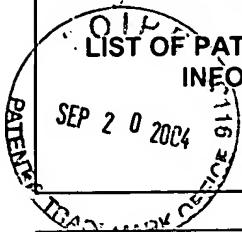
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